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NAIROBI FOR USDEL UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCON, UN, SENV, KN, KS, CH

SUBJECT:ROK PARTICIPATION IN UN DESERTIFICATION  
CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 212567, B) NAIROBI 11462

1. SHOULD THE PRC BE POSING A CHALLENGE TO THE ROK'S  
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CREDENTIALS, THE US DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE: THE US BELIEVES THAT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES  
MAY PROPERLY EXAMINE ONLY (A) WHETHER THE CREDENTIALS  
ARE SIGNED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS OF PARTICIPATING  
GOVERNMENTS, (B) WHETHER THE SIGNATURES ARE GENUINE, AND

(C) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING THE CREDENTIALS ARE THOSE NAMED. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES ARE NOT EMPOWERED TO BASE DECISIONS ON EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS WHETHER THEY AGREE WITH PARTICULAR POLICIES FOLLOWED BY SUCH GOVERNMENTS. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS A DULY CONSTITUTED MEMBER OF UNEP, AND AS SUCH IS QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE. THIS MOTION WOULD SERVE TO POLITICIZE A BODY DEVOTED TO SCIENTIFIC CONCERNS. WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE

OVERRIDEN AND THAT THE CONFERENCE CAN PROCEED, FREE OF CONTENTION, TO CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF DESERTIFICATION ISSUES. END QUOTE.

2. THE USDEL SHOULD ALSO, IN THIS CASE, LOBBY HARD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROKG'S CREDENTIALS POINTING OUT THAT ROKG IS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF MOST SPECIALIZED UN AGENCIES AND A GOVERNMENT WITH RELATIONS WITH MORE THAN 90 STATES.

3. SHOULD THE PRC BE RECORDING IN THE REPORTS OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RESERVATIONS CONCERNING ROK PARTICIPATION, THE US DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD:

QUOTE: THE US HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN THE POSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES MAY PROPERLY EXAMINE ONLY (A) WHETHER THE CREDENTIALS ARE SIGNED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS, (B) WHETHER THE SIGNATURES ARE GENUINE, AND (C) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING THE CREDENTIALS ARE THOSE NAMED. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES ARE NOT EMPOWERED TO BASE DECISIONS ON EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS WHETHER THEY AGREE WITH PARTICULAR POLICIES FOLLOWED BY SUCH GOVERNMENTS. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS A DULY CONSTITUTED MEMBER OF UNEP, AND AS SUCH IS QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE. WE REGRET THAT AN EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED AND HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE CAN PROCEED, FREE OF CONTENTION, TO CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF DESERTIFICATION ISSUES. END QUOTE.

4. IN VIEW OF FACT PRC HAS NOT RAISED ISSUE OF ROK CREDENTIALS OVER PAST 18 MONTHS, WOULD APPRECIATE FULL DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING CHINESE ACTION.

5. THIS CABLE TRANSMITTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF

NAIROBI'S RESPONSE TO REF A.

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